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SUBJ: BENIN MINISTER DENIES VOA REPORT THAT TOGO/BENIN

DIFFERENCES DISCUSSED AT ENTENTE SUMMIT

1. MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND HANDICRAFT, LT COL BARTHELEMY OHOUENS, WHO REPRESENTED PRES KEREKOU AT THE ENTENTE COUNCIL'S SUMMIT AT YAMOOUSSOUKR, IVORY COAST, HAS DENIED A VOICE OF AMERICAN REPORT THAT THE QUESTION OF TOGO AND BENIN'S DIFFERENCES WAS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING. ASKED ON HIS RETURN ABOUT THE VOA REPORT BY A LOCAL REPORTER, THE MINISTER TERMED IT "A DIVERSIONARY MANEUVER BY THE CAPITALIST PRESS IN SEARCH OF SENSATIONAL NEWS". OHOUENSE SAID THE QUESTION (OF TOGO/BENIN'S DIFFERENCES) "CAN ONLY BE SOLVED BY THE TWO CHIEFS OF STATE."

2. COMMENT: IT IS INTERESTING THAT THE LOCAL "REVOLUTIONARY" JOURNALISTS PAY ENOUGH ATTENTION TO THE VOICE OF AMERICA BROADCASTS TO ASK OHOUENS TO COMMENT ON ONE OF ITS REPORTS. FURTHERMORE IT MAY INDICATE A REALIZATION ON THE PART OF THE GPRB THAT VOA HAS A WIDE ENOUGH LISTENERSHIP IN BENIN TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT ITS REPORTS.

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